

## University Affairs takes the leap from releases into the blogosphere

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ARTS & LEISURE EDITOR

UNO What's Up is saying so long as the weekly online newsletter moves aside for the new campus communication blog, *Maverickland*.

Located at [maverickland.blogspot.com](http://maverickland.blogspot.com), *Maverickland* was created by Interim Director of Communications Tim Kaldahl and will act as the new electronic campus information site.

The popularity of blogs and interactive sites such as Facebook.com and MySpace.com have proven to be successful among Generation Y. *Maverickland* is similar to those sites and was created using the Blogger.com format.

The blog combines text, images and links to local and campus events. Information will be provided to campus and community organizations, as well.

Kaldahl states in the blog that he wanted to stray away from a traditional newsletter format and instead provide information with links and interactivity. This interactivity allows viewers to view

slide shows, listen to sound bites and leave comments to Kaldahl's posts.

Kaldahl's conversational posts show the difference between UNO What's Up and the new *Maverickland*.

"I like music. All kinds and from anywhere," Kaldahl said in a post. "Half a hundred years ago, I managed to even get listed as a producer on an album a

friend of mine was making with his band (Believe me, you won't find it anywhere. It was in an audio format called 'cassette tape.')

The blog is up and running, with the first installment being posted on Jan. 6. But, Kaldahl would

like to see more student involvement.

"Right now I'm looking for more info from students all the time," he told members of UNO's Student Senate on Feb. 2.

Kaldahl is very interested in the new format and encourages students as well as faculty to give it a try.

"Do check it out if it interests you," he said.



[maverickland.blogspot.com](http://maverickland.blogspot.com)



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### Making bail for charity

Members of Alpha Xi Delta and Sigma Phi Epsilon get locked up to raise \$1,600 for the Ronald McDonald House. The money will go toward assisting families staying at the house while their children receive medical care in Omaha. The group was outside the student center from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 22. See full story on pg. 5.

## Commendation, allocation for hot dogs approved by senators

### Student Senate



Cassy Loseke

SCOTT STEWART  
NEWS EDITOR

After a marathon senate session followed by committee meetings last week, student senators met for their shortest meeting yet this term on Thursday.

"It was refreshing to have such a short meeting," Speaker Cassy Loseke said afterwards. "Especially after the last meeting."

During the 53-minute session, the senate considered two non-controversial

pieces of legislation, both of which passed with little discussion.

The first was a resolution to allocate \$220 to fund this week's Student Government Week activities, including five pizzas, coleslaw to feed eight people, 50 cans of soda and 16 hot dogs. It passed a roll call vote unanimously.

The other piece of legislation passed was a letter of commendation for Megan Tracy, who "made incredible contributions to [student government] serving only in auxiliary positions," according to the letter.

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## First athletic director candidates visit UNO, meet campus groups

JASON GLENN  
SPORTS EDITOR

UNO played host to two of the finalists for the school's athletic director position last week.

Bill Weidner, former deputy athletic director at the University of Central Florida, and David Miller, former associate athletic director at Southern Methodist University, came to campus. They toured the school's facilities and met with various campus groups, community groups and Interim Chancellor John Christensen.

Both men brought with them solid Division I experience and plenty of things to say about the future of UNO athletics.

Weidner, who worked to rebuild SMU's

program in the wake of their 1987 "death penalty," was on campus March 19 and 20. The NCAA canceled SMU's football season and banned them from bowl games for two years after players were found to have accepted payments from boosters.

He said UNO's athletic department was in prime position to recover from and move beyond last summer's financial revelations and subsequent scandals.

"You need a plan and great people to carry it out. I see that type of opportunity

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David Miller

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Senators also confirmed four appointments for the Election Commission: Robert Klug, Aaron Neesman, Runa Acharya and Jeremy Loseke. Jeremy Loseke, the brother of Speaker Cassy Loseke, was the only one to have served on the commission last year.

Earlier in the meeting, the senators also heard comments from Bill Swanson, Amanda Hulsebus and Barb Treadway during open forum.

Swanson spoke to the senators about the state budget situation, recapping the impact of Gov. Dave Heineman's budget proposal and the current recommendation by the Nebraska Legislature's Appropriations Committee. Swanson, who serves as the UNO legislative liaison, encouraged senators to write their representatives about

the issue. He distributed a list of contact information at the end of the meeting.

"We have about a month to convince people on the Appropriations Committee that the university should have some more funding," Swanson told the senate.

Afterwards, Hulsebus encouraged senators to participate in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event planned at the Sapp Fieldhouse this May.

Treadway, director of Student Organizations and Leadership Programs, recognized Sens. Tyler Micek and Nathan Kirkland as recipients of SOLP's Rising Star award. At the end of the meeting, Treadway also acknowledged International Student Services' Director Jyoti Gandha with the Student Leader of the Month award.

## Testimonies given in O'Grady murder trial



Chris Edwards

TAYLOR MULLER  
ASST. SECTION EDITOR

The trial for Christopher Edwards, the man accused of murdering a UNO sophomore last May, continued Thursday and Friday with the prosecution's first witnesses, including family members and friends of the missing student.

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## New You Can Use

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### Cindy Sheehan to be on campus

Antiwar activist Cindy Sheehan will be on campus on Sunday, April 15, to deliver a keynote address as part of the annual Omaha Peace and Justice Expo.

The expo will run from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and will include booths from more than 50 local organizations, businesses and agencies as well as several workshops. Sheehan's address is scheduled for 2 p.m. and will be followed by a book signing.

Admission is a \$5 suggested donation. For more information, including volunteer opportunities, visit [peaceexpo.org](http://peaceexpo.org).

### LGBT Ally training on March 29

Two training sessions will be held by the UNO Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex and Allies Discussion Group on Thursday, March 29.

The training will address issues such as bias and techniques of being an ally. It will be held in the W.H. and Dorothy Thompson Alumni Center Centennial Hall.

Training sessions will be offered from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Participants need only attend one session and plan to arrive 15 minutes early.

To reserve a spot in either session, contact Kent Lavene at 554-3008 or [klavene@mail.unomaha.edu](mailto:klavene@mail.unomaha.edu).

### Library Web site offers tax forms

As the deadline for taxes draws near, the Criss Library is offering commonly used federal and state tax forms on its Web site, [library.unomaha.edu/special/taxes/2006](http://library.unomaha.edu/special/taxes/2006). It contains Adobe PDF copies of many forms as well as links to other sources for less commonly used forms.

### Diabetes camp needs counselors

Camp Floyd Rogers is a youth campus for kids ages 8 to 18 with diabetes. It is located outside Gretna near Schramm Park and runs from June 22 to July 2, with the first three days reserved for counselor training.

The camp is currently seeking counselors for the summer. Counselors are paid and offered a great opportunity to work with kids.

If you have any questions, contact the camp director at [jane.splittgerber@ops.org](mailto:jane.splittgerber@ops.org).

### Tour de Cure seeks participants

The American Diabetes Association is hosting the Tour de Cure at the Sarpy County Fairgrounds in Springfield, Neb. The event will take place in June and raises money for diabetes research, education and advocacy. Tour de Cure features a 20- or 50-mile bicycle ride.

Each rider must raise \$150. They will receive breakfast from Gandolfo's Deli and lunch from Carabba's at the event. There will also be prizes and snacks along the route.

To register an individual or team for the Tour

de Cure, visit [diabetes.org/tour](http://diabetes.org/tour). You can also contact Suzanne Sollars at 554-3981 or [ssollars@mail.unomaha.edu](mailto:ssollars@mail.unomaha.edu).

### SPO sponsors drug legalization event

"Heads vs. Feds" will feature a debate between Steve Hager and Bob Stutman, both figures in the fight over drug legalization. The event will take place on Friday, March 30, at noon in the Nebraska Room of the Milo Bail Student Center.

Hager is the editor in chief of *High Times* magazine and founder of the Cannabis Cup. Stutman is a retired Drug Enforcement Administration special agent and credited with bringing "crack" to national attention.

### Writer's Workshop chair to speak on novel research

Anna Monardo, chair of the UNO Writer's Workshop department, will be discussing research for her book *Falling in Love with Natassia* on Thursday, March 29, at 7 p.m. in the W.H. and Dorothy Thompson Alumni Center.

Monardo's work, including poems, essays and short stories, has appeared in *Prairie Schooner*, *The Sun*, *Indiana Review*, *Other Voices* and several other outlets.

The discussion is sponsored by the Friends of the Criss Library Book Club. For more information, call 554-3205.

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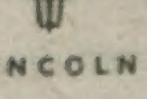


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# People

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## Students journey from depths of eating disorders to recovery, wellness

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PEOPLE EDITOR

Sarah Wages\* couldn't figure out why she kept getting knocked over during soccer games. She was an established athlete at her high school; she played three sports her senior year and was on varsity for all three. But she was getting weak.

Earlier that year, Sarah had begun forcing herself to vomit after meals.

"The first time I was just grossed out by it," she said. "Then you just kind of convince yourself that it's okay. And I felt better; I was getting skinnier."

After moving away to college, Sarah's habits grew worse. The straight-A student's grades plummeted. Her eating disorder was consuming her life.

"I couldn't even go to class," Sarah said. "I would wake up hungry and starving so I'd want to eat, but then I would overeat [and] throw it up. It's a cycle."

Sarah was suffering from bulimia nervosa, an eating disorder characterized by cycles of binge eating followed by self-induced vomiting. At her worst point, she was vomiting up to seven times a day. "I literally couldn't stop," she said.

And then something changed.

After two and half years of struggling with bulimia, Sarah's boyfriend ended their relationship.

"He told me he wanted me to become a whole person before we could date again," Sarah said. "He said he just wanted me to really love myself."

Sarah sought help from a counselor and a nutritionist. She began eating healthy foods, and started running every day; something she hadn't been able to do in over a year, due to the state of her weakened body.

"I had the biggest ultimatum of my life," she said. "Either I had [my boyfriend], or I got to be skinny."

Freshman Cassie Fink\* noticed something wasn't quite right last semester. It began with a

health kick, but Cassie's eating habits soon bordered on extreme.

She started counting every calorie, restricting the amount of food she ate and over-exercising.

Eventually she was consuming just 700-800 calories a day.

"I was never worried about my weight," Cassie said. "I just wanted to be quote unquote healthy."

Cassie's family began to notice her dramatic weight loss last December. She agreed to see a therapist and nutritionist at their request. But her therapist determined she needed in-patient care, and recommended her to Children's Hospital. She was admitted two days before Christmas.

"It was probably something I couldn't have handled on my own," Cassie said, "because there's a re-feeding syndrome where you can re-feed your body too fast, and I was just at the point where I was like, 'I'll just eat anything' because I wanted to get better. I didn't want to be trapped [in it] anymore."

Cassie was diagnosed with anorexia nervosa, an eating disorder characterized by dramatic weight loss, an intense fear of gaining weight and extreme limitations of food intake. According to WebMD.com, it is one of the most common eating disorders, and exact causes are still unknown.

Cassie, a self-proclaimed perfectionist, believes depression and anxiety were at the root of her eating disorder.

"It's like a constant battle in your mind," she said.

Marcia Adler, director of Student Health Services, said students with eating disorders often come to Student Health Services for symptoms that have occurred as a result of an eating disorder.

"I never see an eating disorder march in and say 'oh I think I have an eating disorder,'" Adler said. She said students are more likely to come in with complaints of consistent fatigue, stomach pains or constipation, which are just a few consequences of long-term eating disorders.

Adler said the physicians at UNO are qualified to help students with eating disorders, but treatment



photo by Patrick Doty

UNO Health Services and the UNO Women's Resource Center held a jeans drive on campus during National Eating Disorders Week, Feb. 26 - March 2.

that includes group settings and support is ideal.

"But a lot of times patients aren't willing to do that," she said.

Sarah Ruma, a licensed medical health practitioner at Children's Family Support Center, has been working with eating disorder patients for 19 years. She said Children's Hospital is currently the only place in Omaha that offers in-patient care

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## Students rebuild record number of homes during Seven Days of Service

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For college students, spring break is often an opportunity to get away from the everyday grind of classes, studying and the other numerous stresses that come with being a student. A tropical retreat may be in mind for some, or a quiet stay at home to clear out the noise of campus life.

For 500 UNO students, this year's spring break was spent painting, sweeping, tiling and completely refurbishing six dilapidated homes in South Omaha.

The project, known as the Seven Days of Service, took place March 10-17 and was sponsored by the UNO Service Learning Academy, Family Housing Advisory Services (FHAS) and Wells Fargo Foundation. It was designed to provide first-time home ownership opportunities to low-income families.

"This was the fifth and most ambitious year for this project," said Kathe Oleson, a coordinator of Seven Days of Service. "We did four homes last year, but we've never attempted to refurbish six homes in one week."

Along with the Service Learning

academy and FHAS, UNO construction management and communication students helped facilitate the project. Construction management students estimated damages, devised plans of attack and supervised renovations done to each house.

School of Communication students were involved with the media relations aspect of the project. They sought to inform people about the students' high level of devotion and genuine good will to the city, according to Abbey Schindler, the project's PR coordinator.

"This was a wonderful project, and I thank every student who was apart of it," Schindler said. "It let the city of Omaha know that the students here really do care about their community and want to be involved."

The School of Social Work and the Service Learning Academy are responsible for recruiting and assigning volunteers to each house based upon their individual needs. Students from Omaha North and Gross Catholic High School also helped with the project to fulfill required service hours.

"The gift of the seven days is having the

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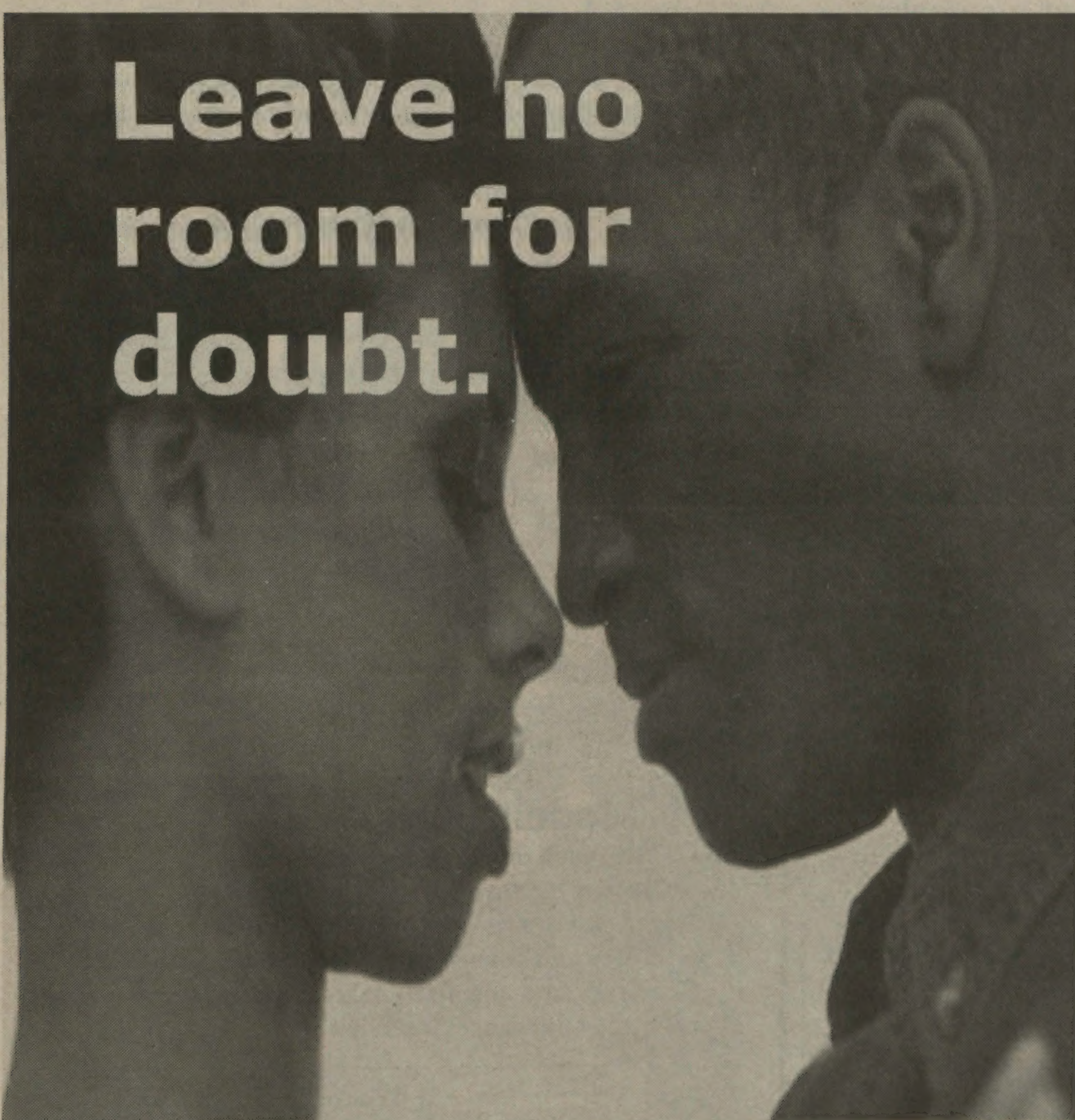
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# UNO sorority, fraternity members 'arrested' on campus for good cause



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Students beg for 'bond' in the Student Center plaza. Together, the members of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and Alpha Xi Delta sorority raised \$1,600 for the Ronald McDonald House.

STEPHENIE CONLEY  
STAFF WRITER

Sophomore Nicole Learch stood behind bars on campus with little hope of being released. Until she made her \$25 bail, that is.

From inside the jail cell in the middle of the student plaza, Learch pleaded for help from everyone who passed by. "I only have \$8, can you give me a dollar to get out of jail?" she asked.

Soon someone took pity on her and she collected another dollar to add to the ones already in her pocket. "My strategy is to say I only have a certain amount of money. It is very successful," Learch said.

Learch was just one of the 50 Alpha Xi Delta sorority members who participated in the sixth annual Jail n' Bail fundraising event on March 22. The money raised from the event goes to the Omaha Ronald McDonald House.

Each Alpha Xi Delta sorority member was required to participate in the event by getting volunteers to be "arrested" or by being arrested themselves. The sorority's philanthropic chair, Sarah Dighans, set the \$25 bail amount hoping to reach the goal of \$1,500.

"Every girl in the

sorority is required to have \$25 to her name," Dighans said. She explained that coming up short was not an option because the girls would make up the difference themselves.

However, coming up short was not an issue for the event this year. Co-sponsored by the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, the event raised \$1,600 for the Omaha Ronald McDonald House. It was the highest total in the six years of the event.

Many sorority members brought in more than their required \$25 by voluntarily staying in jail to bring in more donations. Sophomore Selmira Terzic brought in \$50 dollars by 11:30 a.m.

Representatives from the Omaha Ronald McDonald House were present to thank the sorority for their assistance. In a statement to Alpha Xi Delta president Shayna Royal, Omaha Ronald McDonald House Executive Director Kevin Warneke said, "We really appreciate what you're doing for us."

Omaha Ronald McDonald House program coordinator Paul Garcia said funds raised by the Jail n' Bail event go into the House's general operating fund, which helps to pay lodging for families in need. The charity's Web site, rmhomaha.org, explains, "...families come to the Omaha area for medical treatment for

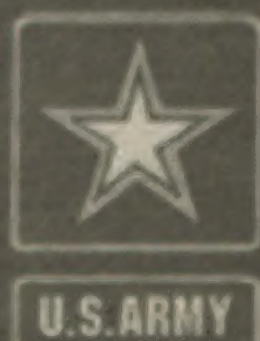
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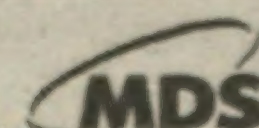
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The stands as well as a few hundred folding chairs were filled with family, friends and fans of former Maverick wrestler R.J. Nebe Friday night at the Sapp Fieldhouse. Nebe won the NCAA II championship at 177 pounds in his senior year.

## Life of Maverick wrestling legend R.J. Nebe celebrated by full house at Sapp Fieldhouse

JASON GLENN  
SPORTS EDITOR

The last time Bob Nebe cried, it was because his son R.J. had just won a national wrestling championship.

Friday night, as he spoke to a crowd of people at the site of his son's 1988 NCAA II triumph, Nebe's emotions got the better of him again.

"R.J. was the son that every dad dreamt of having," he said, voice quavering, "and I was the lucky one that had him."

About 1,500 people came to the Sapp Fieldhouse to honor the legacy of a Maverick legend and celebrate the life of a devoted husband, father, son and friend.

R.J. Nebe, a UNO and Division II Hall of Fame wrestler, died March 19 of leukemia.

UNO wrestling Coach Mike Denney, who guided Nebe to his title, said the five-time All-American embodied the principles that he tries to impart to his athletes.

"I'm always telling our guys to walk confidently, talk confidently, act confidently; R.J. took that to a new level," said Denney. "And he could back it up."

UNO assistant coach Ron Higdon, a former teammate, said he was leery of Nebe's bravado when he first met him on a recruiting trip. Once Higdon came to UNO, though, the two quickly formed a deep friendship that lasted well beyond their collegiate years.

"There's only one person in your lifetime, other than your spouse, that you get that close to," Higdon said. "R.J. was that guy for me."

When Nebe finished his UNO career in 1988, he owned the school's all-time win record of 153-31-4, a mark that stood until heavyweight Les Sigman broke it in 2006.

After capturing the Division II crown his senior season, Nebe was invited to compete in the Division I championships where he finished sixth to earn All-American status.

He went on to a career in coaching where, as former UNO teammate and Omaha Skutt Catholic Head Coach Brad Hildebrandt's top assistant, he helped shape the wrestling program into a statewide juggernaut.

Under Hildebrandt and Nebe's tutelage, Skutt brought home a record eight consecutive state titles between 1998 and 2005.

Nebe left Skutt to work as a television color commentator for high school and college wrestling, which he did right up until his diagnosis less than a month ago.

It was Nebe's drive and unmatched competitiveness that compelled Hildebrandt to contact his friend when the assistant position opened

up, he said.

"He had the greatest ability and knack to motivate people and our kids. His legacy and legend will live forever in the hearts and minds of all the athletes that he touched," said Hildebrandt.

While all those who spoke recalled Nebe's ceaseless intensity on the mat and off, they also related numerous stories of a fun-loving and boisterous man who approached every day as if it were his last.

From taking rides in a clothes dryer as a child to taking money off friends in afternoon golf matches as an adult, Nebe was remembered as someone who lived life to its fullest and infected all those around him with his enthusiasm.

Nebe's brother Patrick Mahan said from the first time his older sibling convinced him to ride a tricycle down the stairs of their childhood home he had always coveted his brother's attention.

"He's always been my idol, my hero and my guardian," said Mahan. "It didn't matter what he'd ask of me, I would jump at any opportunity to be with him."

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### R.J. Nebe career highlights

Millard North High School 1979-83

- 89-16 record
- 1983 Metro Conference champion
- Third in 1983 Nebraska State Wrestling Tournament

UNO 1983-88

- 153-31-4 record
- 1988 Division II 177-pound national champion
- Four-time Division II All-American
- Division I All-American
- Two-time North Central Conference champion
- Two-time UNO Male Athlete of the Year
- 1996 inductee into the UNO Athletic Hall of Fame
- Twice won more than 40 matches in a season

Omaha Skutt Catholic High School 1998-2005

- Assistant coach for wrestling team that won record eight consecutive Nebraska state championships

## Maverick baseball team searching for chemistry

JASON SIBSON  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER



Bob Herold

UNO Baseball Coach Bob Herold has spent long hours in the lab in this season's opening weeks, experimenting with his personnel. The holy grail for baseball coaches is team chemistry, and UNO's string-puller is yet to find that magic potion.

He has had the unenviable task of introducing a beaker of young ballplayers into a Petri dish of live arms and veteran bats, a small but cohesive mix of returning stars.

Overused sports metaphors aside, the Mavericks are struggling to mesh, and Wednesday afternoon was just another example.

In a double-header with Washburn College, Herold's line-up produced a combined five runs against the Ichabods, a traditional doormat for the Mavericks in years past.

"We've pretty much pounded those guys the last few years," said Herold. "When you beat somebody kind of regularly, you start thinking you're going to beat them regardless, but Washburn had other ideas."

In both games, Washburn was able to jump on Maverick starters early, getting help from UNO fielding errors. Bryan Stroth went six strong innings for the Ichabods in game one on their way to a 5-1 win.

Game two was much of the same early, before a valiant comeback from Nebraska-Omaha added some

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## Softball team rolls on

THOMAS GILMORE  
STAFF WRITER



Leslie Svoboda

The Mavericks softball team's disappointing loss in their home opener motivated them for the big weekend ahead of them. Playing all of their previous 13 games on the road, the Mavs settled into their home park to welcome Emporia State.

The game went scoreless all the way until the Emporia State 10th inning when shortstop April Huddlsten drove in two runs on a single with two outs. UNO failed to rally in the bottom of the 10th and fell to Emporia 2-0.

Courtney Reed took the win for Emporia allowing no runs on six hits while striking out six and walking only one.

Taren Kirk took the tough loss for the Mavs, allowing only four hits with one of them being Huddlestens two-RBI single in the tenth. She struck out four and walked three. Treighton Yates supplied the little offense the Mavs had with a 2-4 outing.

The second game of the night was called in the bottom of the fifth inning due to lightning with the game tied at 3-3.

The Mavs, toughened by the loss, got their bats heated up when they visited Northwest Missouri State.

Third-baseman Leslie Svoboda emerged with the hot stick in the first game opening the game with an RBI single in the first inning. She doubled home another RBI in the third on a double to center field and then came home on a Treighton Yates double.

Svoboda knocked in the Mavs fourth run of the game in the sixth on a fielder's choice giving the Mavs way to their eighth win of the season.

Cheris Kuster won her fourth game of the year.

The second half of the double dip NW Missouri shot themselves in the foot by opening the door wide open for the Mavs, committing four errors in the first inning.

Allison Jergenson led-off the game, reaching on an error by pitcher Kelly Morris. Kellyn Kramolisch reached on a fielder's choice moving Jergenson up to second. A throwing error by the NWMS left fielder allowed Jergenson to score, moving Kramolisch up to third. She then scored on the

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photo by Patrick Doty

Sophomore Rachel Faulk lays into the ball in her singles match Saturday. Faulk was the only Maverick to win in both her singles and doubles matches against Rockhurst.

## Lucky streak ends at seven for Mav tennis team

JASON GLENN  
SPORTS EDITOR

The UNO women's tennis team has had their fair share of luck this season.

They've been lucky to have most of their games at home, lucky to have their starters remain healthy and lucky to have athletes with the grit to pull out close matches.

But after the Mavs' win streak hit lucky number seven, their good fortune ran out.

Rockhurst University came to Omaha Saturday and squeaked past UNO 5-4 at the Hanscom Park Tennis Center to hand the Mavericks just their second loss in 10 games this season.

The teams split the singles matches 3-3, but Rockhurst had already won two out of three doubles matches and pulled out the victory.

Hitting the court without their No. 2 doubles and No. 6 singles player Kelsey Haas, who was out with a wrist injury, the Mavs were forced to shuffle their lineup for the first time this season.

Still, Coach Bill Nichols said he was happy with the way his team competed and that Rockhurst just happened to get the better of them.

"We hadn't played a match all year without being at full strength, so that put us behind the eight ball a little bit but, all in all, it was a really good match," said Nichols. "Rockhurst deserved to win today."

Sophomore Rachel Faulk led the Mavs with wins in both her No. 1 singles match and her No. 1 doubles effort

with senior team captain Maggie Russell.

Faulk and Russell notched the team's lone doubles win with an 8-2 drubbing of Rockhurst's Caitlin Buckley and Hannah Lazenby.

Faulk then returned to the same court to top Buckley 7-5, 6-0 in the No. 1 singles match. After a slow start, Faulk said she settled down towards the end of the first set, found her rhythm and carried the momentum into a second-set blowout.

"I just tried to keep it in play with her more often and wait for a better opportunity to put the ball away," she said.

Nichols said he could tell once Faulk started to get on a roll that her opponent would be in for a rough ride.

"When she's on, when she's striking the ball...man, that other girl did a lot of running," said the coach.

Junior Katie Spahn and sophomore Amy Pierson picked up the Mavericks' other two singles wins and almost pulled off a big upset as No. 2 doubles partners.

With Haas out, Spahn and Pierson moved up from their usual No. 3 spot to take on the Hawks' Kandice Belanger and Julie Schwartz.

Late in the match, with the score tied 6-6, the UNO duo almost broke serve to go up a game, but Belanger and Schwartz held on to pull out an 8-6 win and give Rockhurst the early advantage.

After Spahn's 6-3, 6-3 singles win over Kristin Davis evened the team score at 3-3, Pierson put the Mavs ahead with a tough 7-6, 6-3 victory against Lazenby.

Down 3-6 in the first-set tiebreaker, Pierson came back to grind out a 9-7 win and put herself in a good position to take the match.

"I didn't want to go to a third-set tiebreaker so I knew I had to get the first one out of the way," said Pierson. "Whoever won that first set was really going to have control over the second set early on. It was important to win that one."

Unfortunately, that's when UNO's luck ran out.

Junior Sara Bredfeldt fell to Brittany Hanna, 6-2, 6-2 and then, in the deciding match, junior Kylie Roe came up short against Ida Kuruvilla, 6-4, 6-3, sealing the Rockhurst win.

Despite the loss, Faulk said the outcome might ultimately benefit the Mavericks, which could prove unlucky for the Rockhurst squad when the two teams meet again on April 11.

"I think it will open our eyes to a lot of things that we still need to work on and get us ready and stronger for conference when that comes around," she said. "And we'll play them again so, who knows, it could be different next time."

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Leslie Svoboda sac fly. Treightin Yates was walked and she later scored on the Brooke Wagner single to give the Mavs an early 3-0 lead.

NWMS chipped away at the lead scoring in the second and tying the game in the fifth inning on a two RBI single by Courtney Channell.

NWMS' momentum was abruptly halted after Leslie Svoboda's crushing home run to left center in the bottom of the fifth. The Mavs tacked on an insurance run in the seventh when Wagner singled and Yates scored on a throwing error. Wagner finished the game 3-4 with an RBI. Svoboda rounded out her day with four hits and five RBI.

Taren Kirk recorded her fifth win of the year and sent Kelly Morris to her third loss of the year.

The Mavs wrapped up their road trip with a double header in Joplin, Missouri. The Mavs were victorious in the first game defeating Missouri Southern 5-4.

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In the end, though, it was his commitment to his wife, Mary, and son, Mason, that set Nebe apart, said his father.

"I have many reasons to be proud of my son, but the number one thing that I have to be proud of is my son's family," said Bob Nebe. "That's the most important thing that he's ever done."

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### 6x6 Volleyball Sunday March 4th

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Power Rangers 1-2  
Thunder 2-1 vs  
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The Prairie Dogs 0-2  
Ghetto Fabulous 2-0 vs. Schoolies 0-2  
Ghetto Fabulous 1-2 vs  
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The Baka Ama's 1-2 vs.  
Black Panthers 2-1  
Alpha Xi Delta 1-2 vs. Smack That 2-1  
Smack That 1-2 vs Black Panthers 2-1  
**CONGRATULATIONS BLACK PANTHERS  
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**Racquetball  
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### 5x5 Basketball Tuesday Feb. 27th

Crazy Eights wins vs. Romans  
Floor Generals vs. Anteaters wins  
Pike A vs. Hustlers wins  
Krandell's Kids wins vs. Blitzkreig  
Scotty Doesn't Know forfeit vs.  
No Names forfeit  
Dolly Llamas vs. Triple Threat wins  
Wildcats vs. Off Often wins

### Wednesday Feb. 28th

Crazy Eights wins vs. Krandell's Kids  
Anteaters wins vs. Hustlers  
2 Tite vs. The Shockers wins  
That Team wins by forfeit  
2 Dollar Bill wins vs. Triple Threat  
Mike Hunt vs. Off Often wins

### Sunday March 4th

The Shockers wins vs. Off Often  
That Team vs. 2 Dollar Bill wins  
The Shockers vs 2 Dollar Bill wins  
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WINNING THE B LEAGUE**

### 5X5 Basketball Sunday March 4th (cont.)

Crazy Eights wins vs. Anteaters  
**CONGRATULATIONS CRAZY EIGHTS  
WINNING THE A LEAGUE**

Flying She Squirrels 38 vs. Hot Shots 44  
Penetrators vs. Alpha Xi Delta forfeit  
Championship Game  
Penetrators 44 vs Hot Shots 39  
**CONGRATULATIONS PENETRATORS  
WINNING THE WOMENS LEAGUE**

### 6x6 Dodgeball Wednesday Feb. 28th

Lambda Chi Alpha wins vs.  
Gigliorononomekahn  
Wrenches vs. Ru/Schulz wins  
Danza'a wins vs. The Pimpstastic Crew  
Diabetic Rage wins vs.  
Amarillo By Morning

### Semi-Finals

Lambda Chi Alpha vs. Ru/Schulz wins  
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## Comedy about unfortunate events is pleasant surprise for UNO theatre



photo by Tim Fitzgerald

*Reckless, starring Ashley Spessard (left), Katie Martikainen and Todd Zimbelman, highlight the lowlights of two peoples lives.*

CHARLEY REED  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Sometimes truth is stranger than fiction, but even the most unlikely series of unfortunate events couldn't match the problems of the characters in "Reckless," a late mid-season addition to the UNO Department of Theatre's spring lineup.

The play, written by Craig Lucas and directed by adjunct-professor Amy Lane, highlights the lowlights of two peoples' lives. It seems that every Christmas, no matter what, Rachel (played by senior Ashley Spessard) and Lloyd (played by senior Todd Zimbelman) have a run of bad luck; really bad luck.

"He ran over his son with a snow blower because he was too drunk to see him playing in the snow," said Zimbelman of his character.

After this incident, Lloyd, who packs up and leaves his wife who suffers from multiple sclerosis, steals his sons' college fund to finance his own education as a physical therapist.

"When he's done," Zimbelman added, "it's buried so deep in him, and he's created all these masks that he lives in a dream world."

And the holidays are just as happy for the story's main character, Rachel, who has a contract put out on her life by her husband on Christmas Eve. To escape the assassination attempt, she goes on the run. And as horrible as this all may sound, the play is actually billed as a comedy.

"It's a dark comedy, so there is a lot of bizarre humor

in it; it's quirky, and in spots it's a little bit absurd, but I think it's got a really good heart to it," explained Sharon Sobel, chair of the Theatre Department and costume designer for "Reckless." And Lane, in an earlier interview, said the play is really about reacting to adversity.

"What's nice about this play is that [the characters] do survive," she said. "And I think that the message ultimately is what happens to us doesn't define us, but how we deal with the junk that life throws at you; that's what makes you who you are."

While "Reckless" may deal with bad luck, the department actually had a run of good luck. Originally scheduled to be just a student showcase, with only a limited budget, a grant from the Schepman Fund through the NU Foundation gave the play a new life. Not only were the production values increased, but the show will travel, for two performances, to Holdrege, Neb.

"This is the first time that UNO has been on tour like that," Lane explained.

For Zimbelman, who plans on graduating next semester, the experience will be first for him as well. He's never been part of a traveling show before.

"I honestly don't know much about Holdrege; from what I've heard I assume it's a smaller city," he said with a laugh. "And this is a more contemporary play, so I don't know exactly how it'll be perceived."

And the dark comedy is also a first for Lane. As her directing debut at UNO, she is excited to be

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Passes and seating in the theater are first come, first serve.

The Gateway is open during regular business hours and is located in the Northeast corner of the Milo Bail Student Center.

## Running with the Mavs Week

March 26-29

### Hot Dog Eating Contest

**Monday, March 26:** Eating Contest in the Nebraska Room from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Eight teams of two will be competing to see who can eat two hotdogs with a side of coleslaw in the fastest time with their partner feeding them. Prizes will be given to the winning team.

### Pancake Man on the Plaza

**Tuesday, March 27:** The Pancake Man on the Plaza from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. \$3 all-you-can eat.

### Photo Hunt & Volleyball of the Sexes Game

**Wednesday, March 28:**

-Photo Scavenger Hunt from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Teams of four with a digital camera are invited to participate. The team to return to the SG-UNO office first with everything on the list photographed wins a prize.

-Student Volleyball game from 6-9:00 p.m. at the gym in HPER. All those who attend can pick which team they think will win. If you chose correctly, you will be entered in a drawing to win a prize. Warm up at 6:00 p.m. with the game beginning at 6:30.

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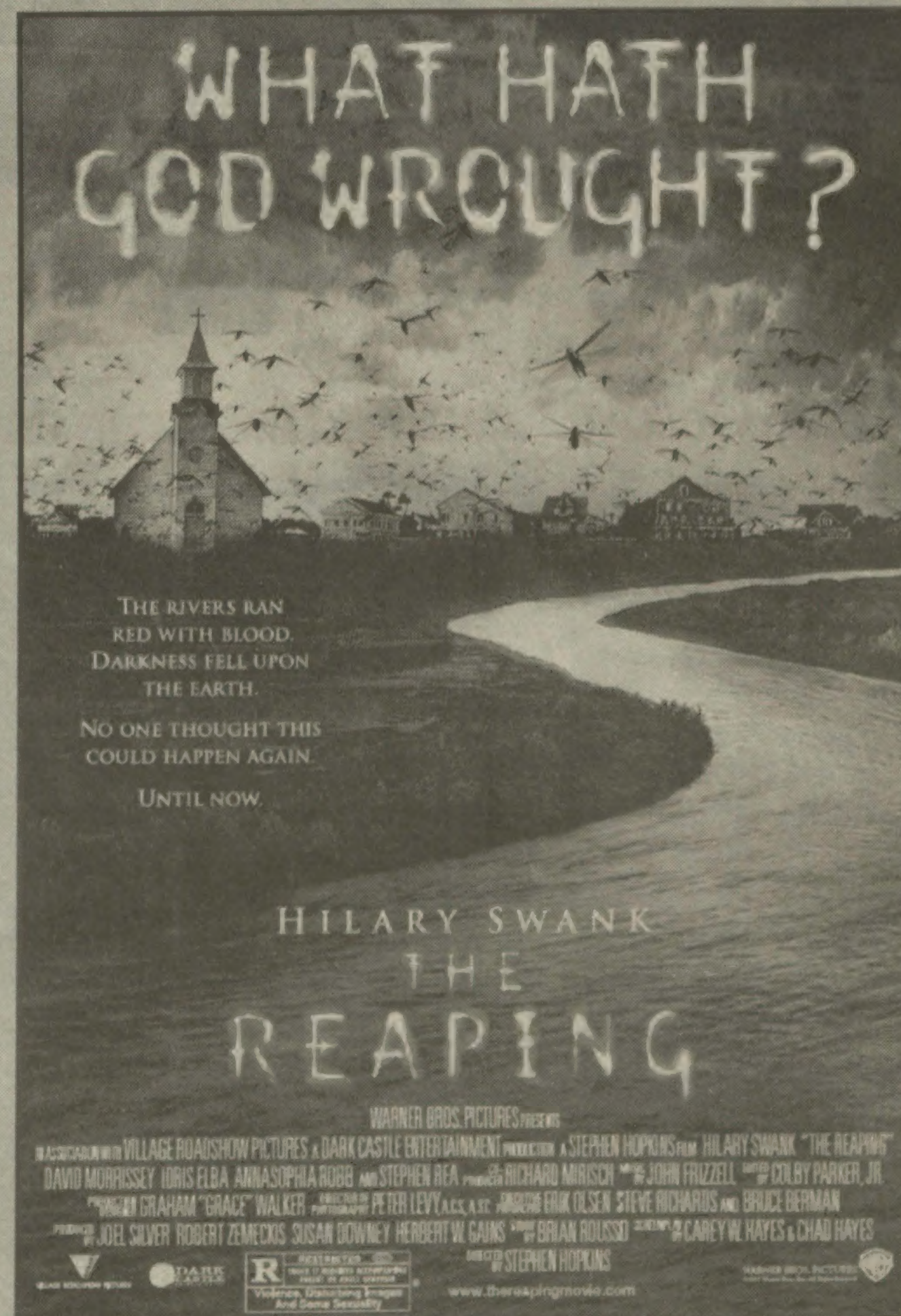
**Thursday, March 29:** Forum in the fireside lounge from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Paul Kosel and Dr. Wade Robinson will be speaking about traffic and grade appeals. Free pizza and pop for all who attend.

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# Paris Hilton is seriously that hot

One of the following is true about Paris Hilton: A) She was photographed partying at Humboldt County's heady nightclub "dank" while sipping Organic Green-Teanis (tea and Grey Goose) chased with bong rips. B) Along with Bow Wow, Ciara, James "JY" Young, some dude from Nickelback, Dakota Fanning and Tupac, she is slated to appear on Diddy's next album, *Crush, Hate, Crush: A Three-Act Epic*. C) She is a modern genius.

All of the possible answers are seemingly false, but the correct answer is C. Yes, Paris Hilton is, in fact, a genius and probably loves that you hate her. It makes her even more famous and even more of a genius.

Her last name doesn't invoke images of hotels or memories of Conrad Hilton, Paris's great-grandfather and hotel chain founder. Not anymore. It invokes the image of Paris's greenish face from that sex tape (one of the greatest career moves of all time). It requires work of genius proportions to steal thunder from a worldwide hotel chain.

Paris Hilton turned just being incredibly wealthy and good-looking into a "career." "Oh, that's so easy, anyone that rich could be that famous," is the common sentiment of Paris detractors, along with "%^# that &!%^\$" and "Damn, how I would love to %^# that &!%^\$."

Well, now any heiress can become famous based on wealth alone because Paris Hilton created the business model. But where are the other heiresses? Why aren't they famous? Your typical rich heiress probably wears swanky clothes, parties at swanky nightclubs and sips on swanky Starbucks. Do we hear about it? Nope. Should we? Nope. When Paris does it people have an active interest. Should we hear about it? Nope. Do people want to? Yep. People need to hate. And people will pay for it. She's in

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Eric Sobczak

every tabloid, every gossip magazine. She's all over VH1, E! and the blogosphere. Celebrity gossip blogger Perez Hilton (perezhilton.com) modeled his damn name after hers. And why not? This is the world we live in: Paris Hilton is "news."

She created a void in the void-less and over-saturated world of celebrity gossip and then single handedly filled it out as if it were a Scantron sheet. And yeah, a snarky dig at Paris would have been incredibly easy right there, maybe suggesting she tried to use a pink pen to fill out the sheet. I'll leave the snarky digs to the celebrity gossip bloggers (who just really wish they were celebrities) or the people who leave comments on celebrity gossip blogs (who just really wish they were Paris or just hate themselves).

However, Paris Hilton is a legitimate target for hate. She's extremely rich and the media can't stop gabbing about her. Two things everybody wishes they were: richer and more famous. She has a TV show, an album, a book, yet little-to-no discernible talent. But the giant irony is this is a cyclical paradox. There would be no TV show or album or media coverage to hate if Paris didn't market herself, becoming more famous off of reactionary hate, which makes people hate her. If you hate Paris Hilton, instead of posting a snarky comment about how she got cake frosting on her dress, put down the piece you are currently eating before you consume the whole damn ensemble. You are part of the problem. No one cares if you claim first post on Perez's blog.

If Paris has done one thing, she has marketed herself, and she has done it extremely well. Actually she has done one other thing: Rick Solomon. OK, so I took a dig at her. But it is Paris Hilton. It's just too easy. But she's still a genius. And hot.

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directing a play described as "one part It's a Wonderful Life and one part Alice and Wonderland."

"There's a lot of historical, political and social works [in the season] and mine is kind of sandwiched in between," she said. "It's funny and it's a good escape from it, but it's really a story about the human spirit and how it can overcome any obstacles."

Because "Reckless" is not a main-stage production, there will be limited seating and a limited runtime. Running from March 29 through March 31, the play will be held in the department's smaller director's studio. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. each night with tickets being sold for \$5 at the door. Anyone with questions about the event should contact Ron Zank at 554-2406.

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The CAO maintains the Student Government office in every aspect, chairs the Inter Agency Council and Executive Council, appoints students to the four Student Government Agencies and proposes the Student Government annual budget. The CAO must attend a meeting every Thursday at 7 p.m. and complete five office hours a week.

### Executive Treasurer

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The American Multicultural Students Agency provides support, assistance and guidance to multicultural students attending UNO by providing programs and events designed to increase awareness about various cultures. Speakers, forums and photographic exhibits are just a few of the programs coordinated through AMS.

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The International Student Services Agency works with international students to foster a smooth transition in to a new environment. Members if the ISS board promote international cultural exchange and awareness on campus through a variety of programs. ISS also sponsors an annual Cultural Festival and International Student Banquet.

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The primary mission of the Network for disAbleD Students Agency is to provide services at UNO to students with disabilities. These services include a library of multimedia materials for research and educational usage as well as specialized equipment. NDS is an advocate and referral service regarding disability issues and also provides programs that promote awareness about the diverse issues concerning those who are disAbleD.

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The Women's Resource Center offers a wide variety of gender and sexual orientation-centered services and programs. The center sponsors special events and programs and houses a library of books, periodicals and publications on a broad range of issues. WRC is also a referral agent for counseling agencies, childcare, and community groups concerned with gender and sexual orientation-centered specific topics.

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for patients with eating disorders.

And the treatment facility isn't just for children.

"In the family support I can see all ages," Ruma said. "So I'm able to see little people to big people. There's no cutoff on the age of out-patients."

Another rumor Ruma is quick to dispel is that only women suffer from eating disorders.

"We see more men than you would think," she said. "I think the age range for women [with eating disorders] is getting lower, and the increase rate of males being seen is getting higher. It's not just a female illness."

For Cassie, being admitted to Children's hospital was "not at all" a terrible experience. "It's an amazing program," she said. "It's really awesome to have a support system of people who know exactly what you're going through."

Cassie was released from Children's on Feb. 13. She said she learned during her hospital stay just how damaging anorexia is to the body.

"I had no idea the damage that I had done until I had got to the hospital," she said.

Although she admits she still struggles daily, she feels she has made tremendous progress over the past

few months.

"I've totally re-vamped [my lifestyle habits]," she said. I'm a lot more laid back. And I've learned a lot of coping skills to deal with my anxiety and depression."

As for Sarah, it has been almost two years since she forced herself to vomit. And although she was never able to fully regain her varsity-level athleticism, she gained something much more important: her life. Today she remains in excellent shape, and is still with her boyfriend of five years.

Sarah said she is "99 percent sure" she will never relapse because of her newfound mental strength. And for those struggling in secret with an eating disorder, Sarah has this advice:

"Get help. You can't do it alone. I went forever thinking I could do it by myself and it's not possible. Confide in just one person and ask them to be there for you no matter what time of day it is, no matter what they have on their schedule. A good friend will do anything for you, because this is a matter of life or death."

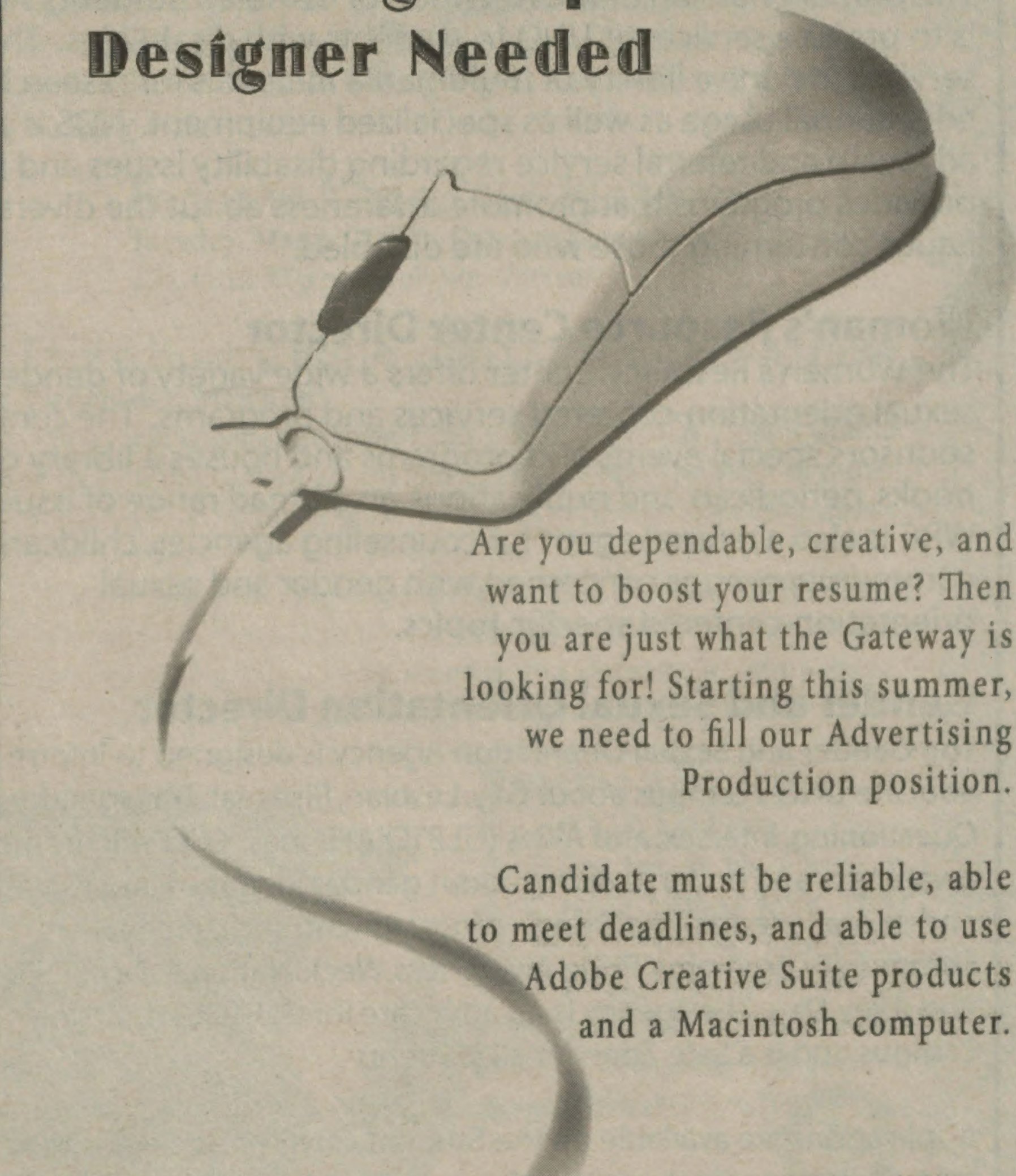
**Editor's note:** In order to protect their privacy, the names of the UNO students mentioned in this story have been changed at their request.

#### A College Girl Named Joe



by Aaron Warner

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From **SERVICE**: Page 4

different classes of students come together to facilitate the growing and strengthening of the community, and the extraordinary learning to all of our students in the process," Oleson said. "Everyone is better for this experience."

Now that the homes are completed, Omaha 100, a part of FHAS, will sell the homes to buyers who qualify for ownership.

"We have always collaborated with local businesses, lending institutions, social service agencies and various community groups to assist people in gaining or maintaining financial stability," said Arturo Miranda, a representative of FHAS.

For the Seven Days of Service project FHAS will select six buyers to purchase the newly remodeled homes. They will then administer classes to these first-time owners, stressing the responsibilities of home ownership, from common home maintenance to the importance of

homeowner's insurance.

During the week of the Seven Days of Service, volunteers arrived at the work sites around 8:30 a.m. and worked until 3:30 p.m. They were not required to have any previous experience - just a positive attitude.

"Students participated because they believe in serving their fellow man and aren't concerned with the 'drunken college student' stereotype," Schindler said. "They want to make it known that service knows no age, and the more you volunteer the more you can accomplish for the community."

Each volunteer received a free t-shirt for signing up, and was provided lunch from Camille's Sidewalk Cafe.

"I think there are many sides to college students that outsiders are blind to, and I think this project helped to display those sides for everyone to see," Schindler said. "This is something that everybody involved should be proud of."

From **EDWARDS**: Page 2

Jessica O'Grady was last seen May 10, 2006. Prosecutors say she was murdered with a sword. No body has been linked to the case.

Thursday and Friday saw questioning and cross-examining of friends and family of O'Grady. O'Grady's aunt, Shauna Stanzel, took the stand to testify about her whereabouts the night of May 10. Holly Stumme, a close friend of O'Grady and UNO student, also took the stand testifying that O'Grady was on her way to Edwards' residence when she disappeared.

The prosecutions' case, highlighted during their opening statements, will

rely on DNA evidence and blood-spatter evidence found in Edwards' room by detectives. The prosecution told jurors their expert witnesses would testify that O'Grady was hit at least eight times by sharp blade, according to blood-spatters on the wall, ceiling and mattress of Edwards' room.

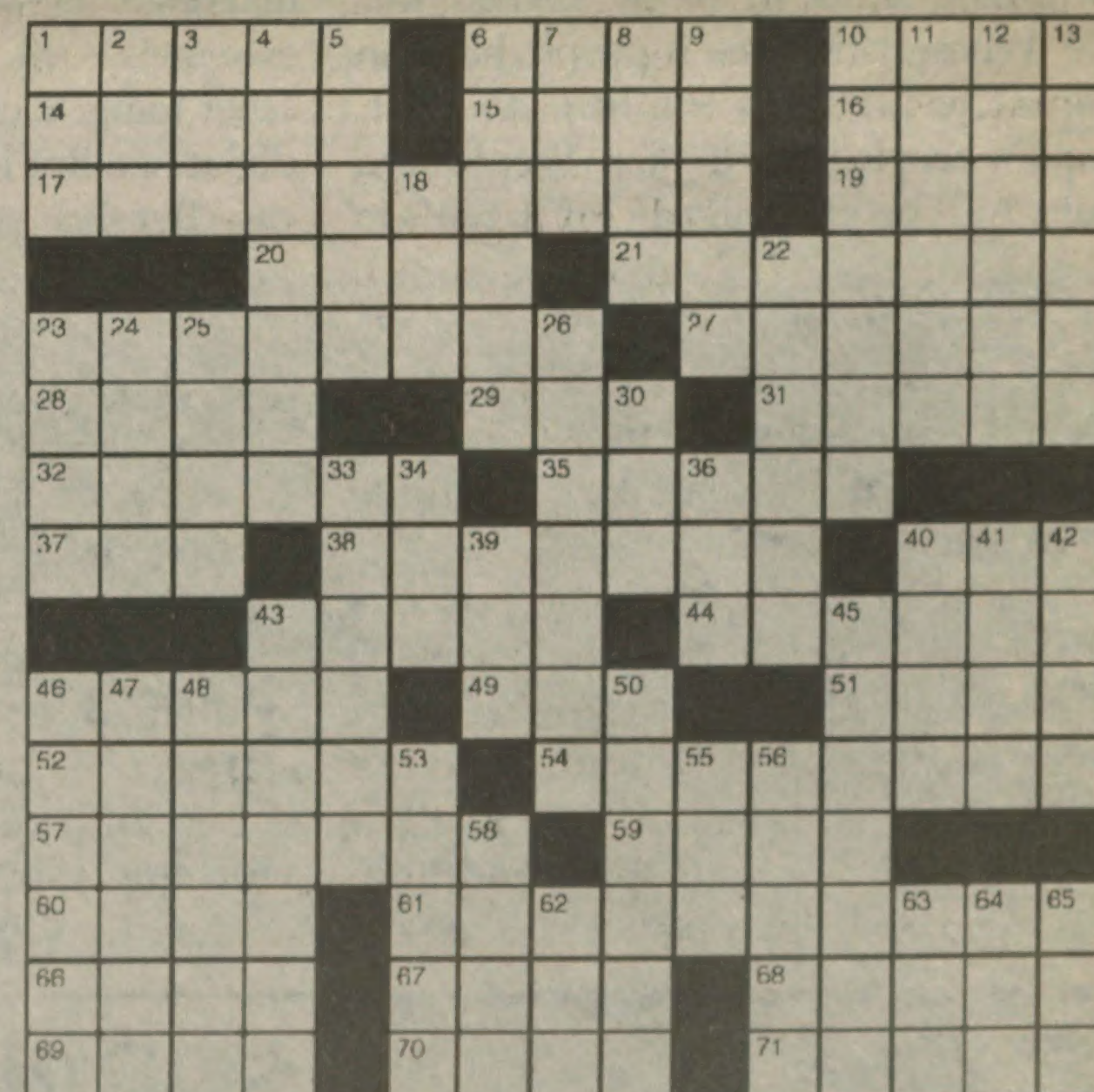
Attorneys for Edwards asked numerous questions about menstruation, miscarriages and suicide during jury selection.

The trial is expected to last two weeks, with the defense's witnesses taking the stand after the prosecution.

## Crossword

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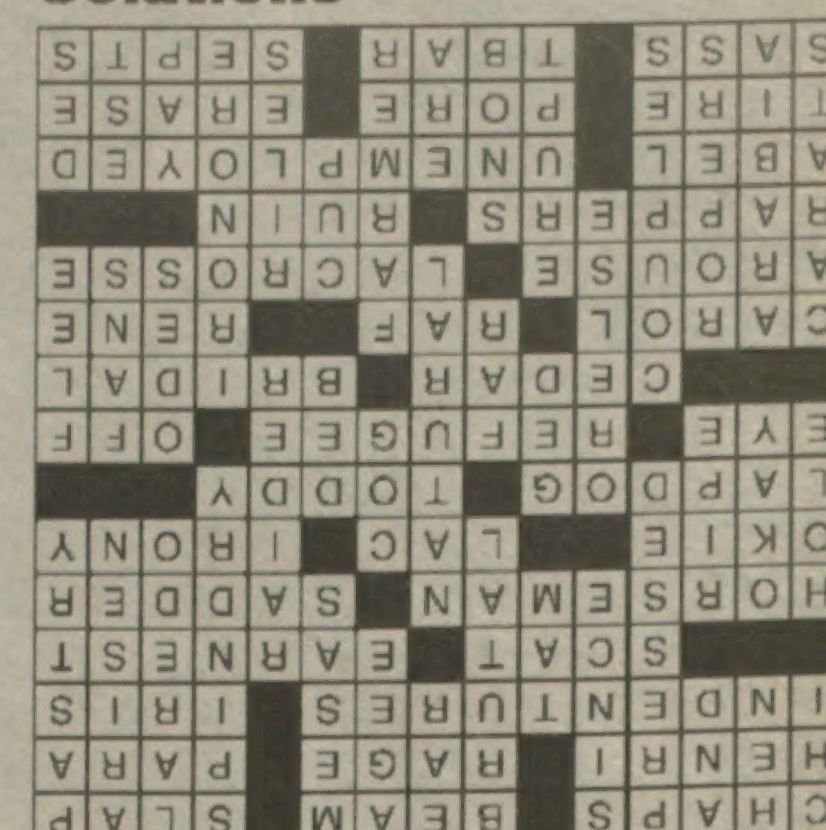
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## Initiative 423 ripple effects still threaten university, state programs

### Sinister Slant



Scott Stewart

Last election season, many supporters of the University of Nebraska feared that voters would trade the future of Nebraska's youth, along with the vitality of many state programs, down the river in exchange for the promise of tax relief.

Initiative 423, known as Stop Over Spending Nebraska or the state spending-cap measure,

promised to limit state spending by making it a function of economic indicators that would have crippled our economy. Fortunately, Nebraska voted 405,419 to 172,859 against the measure, showing the wisdom of our state's citizens to not follow the lead of states like Colorado in shooting ourselves in the foot.

Nevertheless, politicians like Gov. Dave Heineman saw Initiative 423 as a wakeup call to ease the tax burden on the average voting Nebraskan. One of the largest arguments against the initiative was, in fact, that there were better ways of providing relief, and the state took it upon itself to explore its options.

What resulted, though, was a proposal that, as the *Lincoln Journal-Star* put it, "... had one glaring lapse. It gave taxpayers a big tax cut. It poured more dollars into schools. But it shorted the University of Nebraska."

Heineman's proposal initially recommended that NU be given a 1.1 percent budget increase for 2007-08 and a 2.2 percent increase for 2008-09. That contrasted sharply with the university's request for 6.5 percent in 2007-08 and 4.0 percent in 2008-09, and it prompted immediate criticism from NU representatives like President James B. Milliken.

More recently, the Unicameral's Appropriation Committee recommended giving the university 2.1 percent for 2007-08 and 3.2 percent for 2008-09.

This is progress, but it's still not enough.

As Milliken made clear to members of the Appropriations Committee on March 6, when he testified regarding the needs of the university, the university's historical funding levels and mandatory expenditures need to be taken into consideration.

"It has taken significant investment in 2006 and 2007 for us to regain the momentum we lost as a result of nearly \$50 million in budget cuts earlier this decade," Milliken said in his testimony. "The budget we submitted last fall, which includes mandatory expenditures and some investment in new academic programs targeted at Nebraska needs, together with salary obligations, is far greater than this committee is in a position to support. We recognize that."

Milliken told the committee about the sacrifice made regarding faculty salaries in particular.

"Last month, we were unable to reach agreement with our collective bargaining units on salary increases at UNO and UNK. To bring those campuses to the midpoint of their peers, the special master ordered us to pay salary increases of 4.3 and 4.4 percent each year," Milliken said. "UNL and UNMC, our two non-unionized campuses, are farther behind their peers. To treat them equitably, we should be providing larger increases. At UNL, it would take an increase of 5.3 percent to bring faculty salaries to the midpoint of peers. At UNMC, the gap is 8.4 percent. But today, we aren't asking you to do that. ... We are asking for only enough to pay our salaries at the level now required at UNK and UNO."

I personally think it's shameful that we are forced into a position of not paying the faculty at Lincoln and the Med Center what they deserve. But, the university's decisions are understandable. There's only so much money, and sometimes well-deserving programs must be denied.

The *Omaha World-Herald* explained this delicate situation well in an editorial last Friday when it said, "Given that the two-year budget will total well over \$6 billion, there is no reason for the

budget process to run aground over the type of numbers that Milliken is talking about. ... These facts, however, do not excuse the paramount obligation of the Appropriations Committee and the Legislature to restrain the state's overall level of spending. Nor does this situation excuse the NU Board of Regents and the individual campuses to continue to adopt tough choices on spending."

I certainly agree with the *World-Herald* on this issue. There is no reason the Appropriations Committee cannot help NU get through this budget crunch, especially when the university is being reasonable and controlling its costs.

The university has already removed \$38 million from its biennial budget, said Bill Swanson, UNO's legislative liaison and director of Career Exploration and Outreach, when he spoke to the Student Senate last Thursday. There's not much more that the university can be expected to do, save for its tried and true last-ditch solutions: raising tuition and cutting programs. Or, in other words, hurting the university.

It's this concern, that damage will come to the university's programs or the wallets of NU students, which brings us back to Initiative 423 and its defeat in last year's election. What was the point of the public outcry against this measure, the pleas of university officials and a host of other public figures, if state politicians are going to impose damaging cuts in state programs?

Reforming the state budget needs to be done gradually, carefully and with an eye to the future. Restraint has to become the norm, not something that comes up every few political cycles.

However, fiscal responsibility should not adopt the equivalent of the quota system or self-imposed arbitrary spending caps. Each line item should be considered, and worthy programs should receive sufficient funding. If this requires more money than our representatives are comfortable with asking for, then efforts should be made to explain the situation, not just slash programs that will eventually pay dividends to the state.

## Patience, persistence key in job search

### Bitter with Age



Angi Sada

I find myself increasingly frustrated with college-aged people that I sometimes hate myself for still being among their ranks.

It's time to move on. I

to the doldrums and my want to bathe in self-pity: I won't.

I just have to be patient. That is where it gets difficult and sticky. It's that part of the inner dialogue that is tacky like thick craft glue, (not tacky like a peach colored running suit on a fat person. Though, that gets a little awkward, too). It can be a very uncomfortable feeling that leaves even the most verbose speechless.

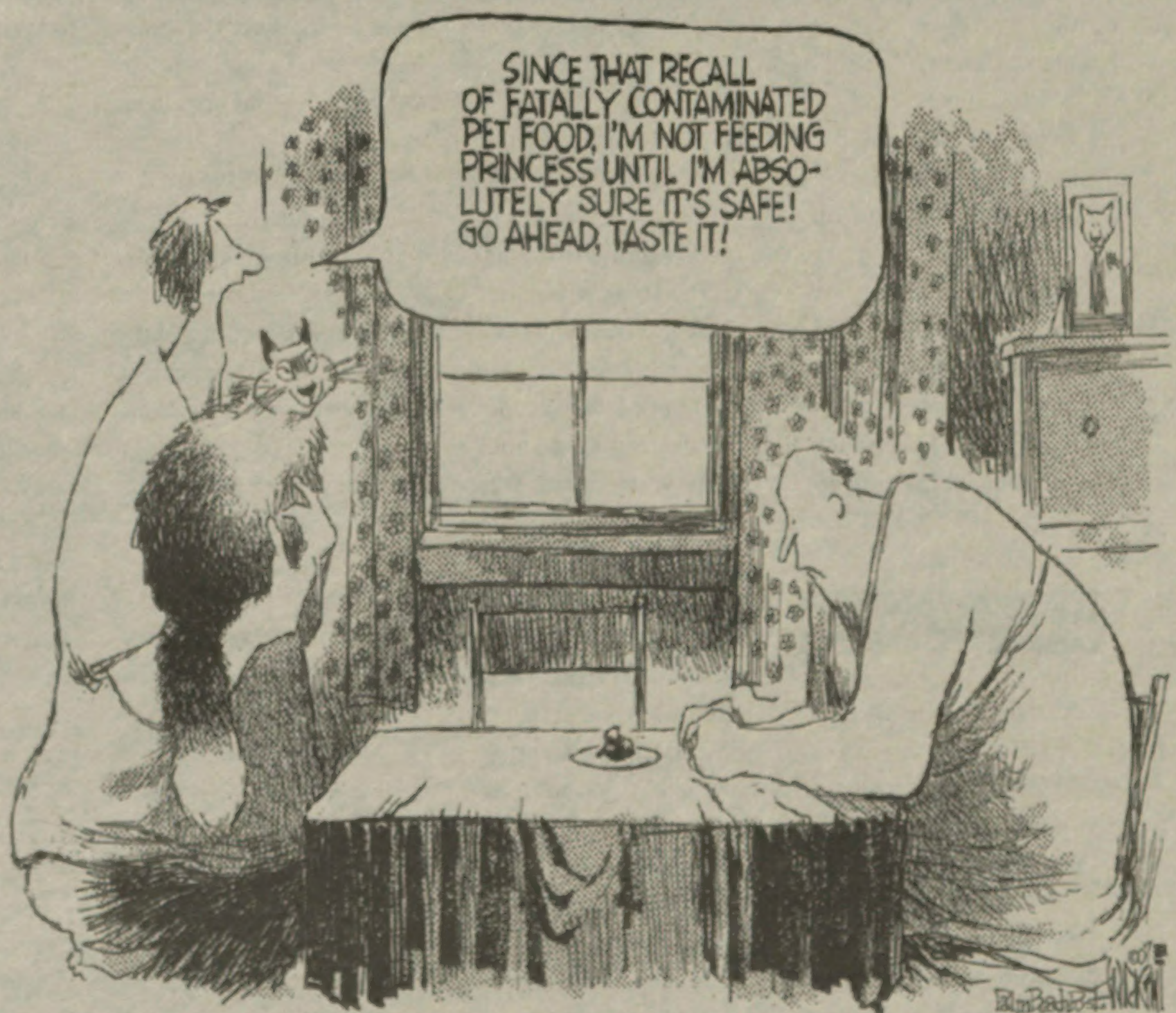
I have the attention span of a gnat. In fact, while writing this very short column, I have thought about going on a bike ride, checked my Myspace.com account at least 10 times and have called my best friend. I also ate a string cheese. Patience is not my strong suit. I think I may need an Adderall IV.

I am confident that I have learned enough to be desirable in the marketplace. I feel good about the education I have earned in my seven years at UNO in which I have toiled away in a very casual manner. I have so many awards; they take up their own page in my portfolio. I know that I am good at what I do.

After writing this I'm feeling so bizarrely good about my current state of professional unemployment. I might just stay this way. Not really, but I am reconciling with it.

As I near that bright, white light at the end of the academic tunnel known as the real world, it's sometimes hard to stay focused on those feathers in my proverbial cap.

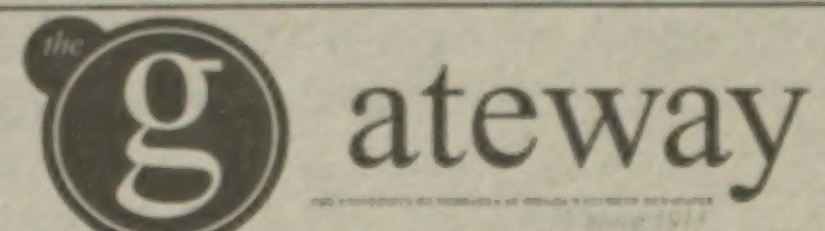
With them in the forefront of my mind I am going to be OK.



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From **BASEBALL**: Page 6

late game drama. The Mavericks fell just short, with the 5-4 finish dropping them to 9-13 on the season.

With returning stars Evan Porter and Tyler Cloyd hitting the stitches off the ball this season, the Mavericks are extremely capable of lighting up the scoreboard. Timely hitting and sharp fielding will be the key to convert talent and ability into chemistry and wins. That magical alchemy is the focus for Herold as he prepares for this week's home stand.

"Road games help," said Herold, despite the difficulty of winning on the road. "When you're on a road trip, you're spending 24/7 together, so that has a lot to do with getting a feel for

your team."

Weather cut the road trip short for the Mavs, who were slated to play three games with Missouri Southern in Joplin, Mo. After playing 22 road games in 27 days, this rainout gave the Mavericks a well-deserved yet unwelcome rest.

"We need to play," said Herold. "It's hard to get any kind of timing without playing."

This week, weather permitting, UNO will finally get to play a few at home.

They open an 8-game home-stand Tuesday with a double-header against an excellent Emporia State team, and start conference play against St. Cloud State April 6.

From **JAIL 'N' BAIL**: Page 3

their children. They come to Omaha to be with their sick child, and the Ronald McDonald House provides them with a place to temporarily call home."

Garcia said the Omaha Ronald McDonald House hosts families from all over the country who come to Omaha to receive treatment from UNMC, Creighton, Bergen, Alegent Health and even Boys Town. However, the majority

of the families that stay at the House seek treatment from the Lied Transplant Center. While the House charges families \$7.50 per night, Garcia said sometimes they are unable to pay.

"Fundraising like this helps us to continue to provide hospitality and housing without being overly concerned about the financial impact on families," Garcia said.

From **AD SEARCH**: Page 1

photo by Patrick Doty  
UNO athletic director candidate David Miller speaks with a group of UNO supporters at a meet-and-greet on Wednesday, March 21 at the alumni center.

here," said Weidner.

Miller arrived at UNO with a resume that revealed the roots of his belief in developing responsible student-athletes. He began his career in athletics halfway through an 11-year stint in the Air Force when he moved from military service into the academy's sports program. Academics and character, he said, were just as important to him as a winning record.

"I met with the student-athletes today and I told them, 'If you're just getting by, trying to be eligible, to me, that's failing,'" said Miller.

The final two candidates, Cliff Dochterman, senior associate athletic director at the University of California, Riverside, and Mike Kemp, UNO hockey head coach, will be finishing out the interview process this week with Dochterman on Monday and Kemp on Wednesday.

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